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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS COMPUTATION OF FINAL SEATO BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT URGENTLY ARRANGE TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT TO SEATO SO THAT IS JANUARY 1977 PAYROLL REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ITEMIZATION OF THE FY 1977 ESTIMATE FOR THE SEATO BUDGET IS REVISED AS FOLLOWS: (1) US CASH CONTRIBUTION TO SEATO BUDGET (\$180,822.16--SEE PARA 2 BELOW), PLUS (2) DIRECT COST OF US NATIONALS LOANED TO SEATO (\$37,154.68--SEE PARA 3 BELOW), FOR (3) TOTAL US CONTRIBUTION (\$217,976.84).

2. COMPUTATION OF FY 1977 ESTIMATE: (1) GROSS SEATO BUDGET (\$1,157,351.00) LESS (2) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME (-\$0-) TO OBTAIN (3) ASSESSMENT BUDGET (\$1,157,351.00). USING US CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE OF 28.6, (4) US ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE \$331,002.40 LESS (5) CREDITS: US SHARE OF PRIOR YEAR SURPLUSES (\$29,863.25) OBTAINING (6) ADJUSTED US CASH CONTRIBUTION (\$301,139.15), LESS (7) DOD PERCENTAGE SHARE OF 7.14 PERCENT (\$21,501.34) AND LESS (8) US NATIONALS

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LOANED TO SEATO (\$61,660.97 FOR 1975/76 AND \$37,154.68 FOR

PERIOD JULY 1, 1976 TO DEPARTURE TALLING \$98,815.65)
TO FIND (9) US CASH CONTRIBUTION OF \$180,822.16.
(NOTE: IN OCTOBER, AFTER THE BEGINNING OF FY 1977, THE
US MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO SEATO OF \$150,000. THIS AMOUNT
HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN DEDUCTED FROM THE US CASH CONTRIBU-
TION--ITEM (1) OF PARA 1--TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR
APPROVAL.)

3. ITEM (2) OF PARA 1 IS THE ACTUAL AMOUNT FOR SALARIES AND
ALLOWANCES FOR THE US NATIONALS LOANED TO SEATO COVERING
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES FOR MR. OWEN FROM JULY 1, 1976
TO DECEMBER 31, 1976 AND FOR MR. ROCHLEN FROM JULY 1,
1976 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1976 (\$19,597.84) PLUS THEIR REPATRI-
ATION COSTS (\$17,556.84). EMBASSY NOTES THAT IN REF B,
DEPARTMENT REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE DIRECT COST OF
US NATIONALS LOANED TO SEATO FOR FY 77 AND STATED THAT
THIS IS NOT THE SAME ITEM AS US NATIONALS LOANED TO SEATO
FROM ESTIMATED COMPUTATION, I.E. ITEM (8) PARA 2. SINCE
SEATO IS PHASING OUT AND COSTS OF US NATIONALS ARE KNOWN,
EMBASSY HAS NOT DRAWN DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO AMOUNTS.
DEPARTMENT MAY, HOWEVER, FIND IT ADVISABLE TO REVISE ITEM
(2) OF PARA 1 UPWARDS.

4. SEATO SECRETARIAT HAS NOTIFIED EMBASSY THAT THE NET
AMOUNT DUE THE ORGANIZATION AFTER CREDITS, SAVINGS AND
THE OCTOBER CONTRIBUTION OF \$150,000 IS \$52,323.50. OF
THAT AMOUNT, DOD'S PERCENTAGE IS \$21,501.34. EMBASSY
UNDERSTANDS THAT IN THE PAST, DOD CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN
MADE THROUGH CINCPAC. SINCE ONLY NEW ZEALAND AMONG MEM-
BER GOVERNMENTS HAS MADE ITS ENTIRE CONTRIBUTION, SECRE-
TARIAT IS CONCERNED THAT THE JANUARY 1977 PAYROLL CANNOT
BE MET UNLESS OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING. RE-
QUEST URGENTLY DEPARTMENT COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE
FINAL PAYMENT OF NET AMOUNT DUE, NOTIFYING DOD OF ITS
SHARE AS APPROPRIATE.
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